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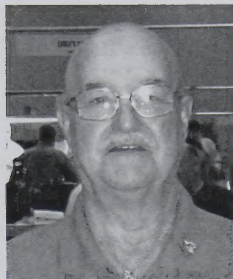
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Well a new year is upon us and hopefully you all survived the holiday season and will have a prosperous 2018.

I have just returned home for the 63rd Annual FUN Convention in Tampa. The show was very well attended by the public with a VERY large selection of dealers setting up. Needless to say the selection of art bars/rounds to purchase was very SLIM, however, I was able to make SOME purchases, but the pickings were few and far between.

In this issue you will find the criteria for the submission of the annual club round, so put your thinking caps on and put your ideas on paper and send them to Ed Lantz. Also in this issue is the Price of Silver contest, so give your best guess and send it to VP Randy Rush.

Plans are starting to fall in place for our annual meeting at the PAN show in Monroeville, PA in October. Hopefully, we will have a silent auction and swap session following the annual meeting, so bring items for sale and items to swap with fellow members. Further information will be in upcoming issues of the Bugle. So please plan on attending this meeting to meet new members and reacquaint with old friends and members.

Well that is about all for now, so have a great spring and hope to see many of you in October at our annual meeting.

GOOD HUNTING for the art bar/round to complete your collection.

Jim

IASAC Treasury Update

Balance Forwarded		\$ 9,414.59
Income:		
Dues	565.00	
Donations	20.00	
	\$ 585.00	\$ 9,999.59
Expenses:		
Paypal fees	0.74	
Publishing <i>Silver Bugle</i> & Postage	389.50	
	\$390.24	
Ending Balance as of January 11, 2018		\$ 9,609.35

Carrie Best
Treasurer/Secretary

VP Outlook

by Randy Rush



Hello to all!

I hope my letter finds you all safe, warm, and healthy. As I write this we are in the middle of our second snowfall this winter. I know that's no big deal to most of you, but us Georgia folks don't get much snow! And most folks here can't drive in it! I bet you couldn't find a gallon of milk or a loaf of bread within 20 miles of here! We had a huge snow in 1993, and ever since then, people go crazy. I worked in the grocery business about 25 years, and the most profitable word in the business is "Accumulation"!!

I haven't been to any shows, or really bought anything great. And it seems like people aren't buying as well right now either. Probably like me, trying to get over Christmas. I have joined some new silver groups on Facebook and have made some new friends. There have been some good buys too! I missed one I really wanted. But, the hunt is half the fun!

I would still like you to send in your unusual finds, or UN-listed bars to show and share. The guidebooks are great, but we all know there are a good many bars not listed. Not taking anything away from Mr. Kidd or Mr. Rood, and all that helped compile all that information. That had to be a huge undertaking!

I'm sure Jim will talk about our annual meeting in Monroeville, PA October 25-27. I hope to attend, depending on my Dad and Mom's health. Thank you for all the thoughts and prayers! Don't forget the Price of Silver Contest! Always pray for our leaders, our service men and women, and their families who sacrifice so much.

Until next time, May God Bless You All!

rush188@windstream.net, or call : 706-766-2335.

Randy



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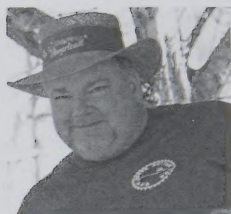
This is the first of our quarterly newsletters starting with the new year 2018. The quarterly issues will come out in February, May, August, and November of each year. We are looking for educational/informative articles or stories about your favorite bar or round. We have new collectors out there joining our organization and anything you have to share or offer will help them with their collecting, so if you have an article you wish to share with the membership, please email it to IASACBugle@aol.com.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to IASAC
Johnny Williams



...for the funny bone by Randy Rush



Happy Valentine's Day!!

A Prince was put under a spell so that he could speak only one word each year. If he didn't speak for two years, the following year he could speak two words and so on.

One day, he fell in love with a beautiful lady. He refrained from speaking for two whole years so he could call her "My Darling." But then he wanted to tell her he loved her, so he waited three more years. At the end of these five years, he wanted to ask her to marry him, so he waited another four years. Finally, as the ninth year of silence ended, he led the lady to the most romantic place in the kingdom and said, "My Darling, I love you! Will you marry me?" And the lady said, "Pardon?"

A Cub Scout found a frog that said, "Kiss me and I will become a beautiful Princess." The boy studied the frog, then put it in his pocket.

"Hey," the frog croaked, "how come you didn't kiss me?"

"I'd rather have a talking frog than a Princess any day!"

Phil, a smart and handsome young man, dressed in the latest fashion, walked into this local pub. He noticed a woman gazing at him without blinking her big eyes. Phil felt flattered so he walked up to the woman and said in his deepest voice, 'I'll do anything you wish, beautiful lady, for just \$10 but on one condition.'

The woman appeared to be trapped in the moment and asked as if in a trance, 'What's your condition?'

Phil answered, 'Tell me your wish in just three words.'

There was a long pause, the woman opened her purse, counted out the money and handed it to the man along with her address. She then looked deeply into his eyes and whispered, 'Clean my house.'

Wally asked his friend, Jim, whether he had bought his wife anything for Valentine's Day.

'Yes!,' came the answer from Jim who wasn't really the romantic type, 'I've bought her a belt and a bag.' That was very kind of you,' Wally added, 'I hope she appreciated the thought.' Jim smiled as he replied, 'So do I, and hopefully the vacuum cleaner will work better now.'

I hope you all get to spend time with the one you Love! Until next time.....



Randy



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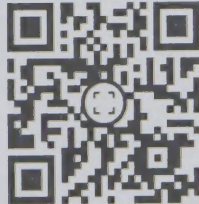


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NEW ISSUES

Recently Released

SUBMITTED
by Carrie Best



45th President Trump .45 Colt Signature Gold Tipped 1.5 Troy Ounce .999 Fine Silver Bullet Replica

Celebrating the United States 45th President, President Donald J. Trump, it seems fitting for a .45 caliber round to celebrate the 45th President. Made from a solid 1.5 Troy Ounces of .999 fine silver these look like a real .45 caliber long colt round. The tip and a some of the bottom is selectively plated with 24K Gold. The bottom is also specifically stamped with the following: ".45 TRUMP 1.5oz 999 AG"

The .45 Colt's history fires back to 1873 when it was manufactured as a powerful black-powder revolver load for horse-mounted troops in the U.S. Army. Because of its force and impressive stopping power, it soon penetrated the Wild West as the weapon of choice. Today, the .45 Colt still rides as a popular hunting and defensive round.

Also check out the 10pc Box option of the Trump .45 Caliber Silver Bullets

Metal: .999 Fine Silver Weight: 1.5 Troy Ounce

Overall Unit Length: 1.670 IN | 42.49 MM

Base Diameter: 0.490 IN | 12.45 MM

"Merlin"

Mint: Osborne Mint Mintage: 2,000

Year of issue: 2017 Finish: Proof

Composition: One troy ounce of .999 fine silver
The obverse features the famous wizard himself. Merlin stands in a snowy forest, wearing an elegant cloak and carrying a walking stick. A white owl perches near his shoulder and three hedgehogs walk by at his feet.

The Celtic Lore Provident original series features five designs based on the folklore, myths, and legends of the Celts. Each round brings to life the original artwork of world-renowned artist and illustrator Howard David Johnson, along with the work of master sculptor Luigi Badia. These limited edition silver bullion rounds were struck at the Osborne Mint, in partnership with Anonymous.

Shown is one ounce, .999 silver and enameled versions.



Mint: Austrian Mint

Year of Issue: 2018

Composition: One troy ounce of .999 fine silver

Face Value: 1.50 euro

The obverse of the Silver Philharmonic features the Great Organ in one of Austria's most famous concert halls, the Golden Hall. Inscriptions include "REPUBLIK OSTERREICH" and "1 UNZE FEINSILBER," along with the denomination and year of issue.

The coin's reverse show cases an array of orchestral instruments, including a french horn, bassoon, harp, cello, and four violins. Inscriptions include "WIENER PHILHARMONIKER" and "SILBER."

Brain Teaser

Hope everyone enjoyed working the last puzzle. If you have any comments you can send them via email to IASACBugle@aol.com. HAVE FUN!!! Thanks to Carlton for another fine puzzle. This puzzle is a little late, but he assures me that he will get the next one sent to us appropriately.

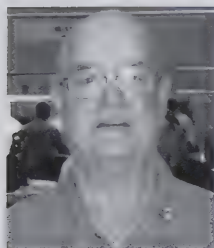
For your challenge this month, find these words relating to:

“Thanksgiving” Please find: **APPLES, AUTUMN, BREWSTER GARDENS, CAKES, CELERY, COLES HILL, CORN, FAMILY, FOOTBALL, FROSTY, GRAVY, INDIANS, JOHN ALDEN, JOHN CARVER, MASHED POTATO, MASSASOIT, MAYFLOWER, NUTS, ONIONS, PARTY, PEACE, PIES, PILGRIM, PLIMOTH PLANTATION, PLYMOUTH ROCK, PUDDING, ROLLS AND BUTTER, SQUASH, STUFFING, THANKS, TRAVEL, TURKEY, WAMPANOAG, WINE.**

Is there any word that appears twice? _____

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FROM THE BEGINNING XIV

By Ed Lantz



We are still in 1990.

The IASAC convention is being held in Baltimore on September 15.

An interesting article in the July 1990 Silver Bugle was Did you Know?

Highly polished bronze pieces will soon be a thing of the past, depending on the mint's existing supply of solvents and recent E.P.A. regulations.

Solid bronze turns out unevenly and can be spotty or orange-colored. Freon was used to clean and brighten the bronze, however, it has been banned from use. Soap solvents are still available, but it is now triple the cost to dispose of the waste.

Bronze bars and rounds are still available with an antique finish.

1990 had an extra issue. The 100th Anniversary of Yosemite National Park was issued as a Club Round, different than our convention issue. Cost was \$20 with member's number and hand enameling was an extra \$11. Members could order non-serial numbered rounds for \$20 and non-members could purchase one for \$25

Interesting issues were The Mint's Detroit Pistons, World Champs, Dick Tracy Rounds by "1841", 1990 Liberty and Eagle by the Baltimore City Mint as well as the 1990 Morgan Pattern Medal. The Silver Mine issued the Northern Spotted Owl for \$22.50. Silversword Productions released the third ingot in the Hawaiian Tropical Fish series "O'ililepa.

Charlie Diehl proposed Life Memberships in the amount of \$200 with the money being deposited in a money market account. The money would stay there until their death and then be transferred back to the regular checking account.

Steve Rood continued the revisions of the Art Bar Guide.

We still had great advertising support and member participation in 1990. We can look back at 1990 with fondness.

It would be great to have more member participation to submit articles of general interest about YOUR experience in the Silver Art Hobby. -- Ed

2018 CLUB MEETING MONROEVILLE, PA



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Price of Silver Contest

Send in your guess for the price of silver!!

Entries must be received, or postmarked no later than September 14, 2018. Price of silver will be taken September 28, 2018 at close of business day. Only 1 guess per membership number. Prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place closest guess!!

Your Name: _____

Membership # _____

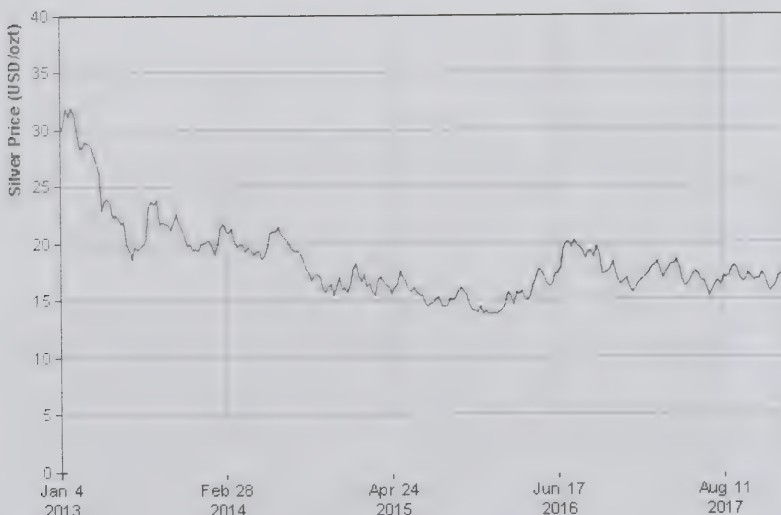
Price of Silver Guess \$ _____ Per Oz.

Please send your entry to:

Randy Rush

P.O. Box 22

Lyerly, GA. 30730



WANTED!!!

IASAC is in need of some dedicated members to take over some of the duties to help keep this club going and sharing in the spreading of news. We need someone who can spend time on our website to keep all the members up to date on silver happenings. It needs to be kept up to date on who is on the board and a short history about each one.

If you are interested, please contact Ed Lantz (our current person in charge of the website) or Carrie Best (Secretary/Treasurer who has her hands full keeping the Treasury and membership and all Secretary duties straight.)

WE ALSO NEED SOMEONE TO TAKE OVER THE JOB OF PUTTING TOGETHER THE BUGLE. A NEW EDITOR!

It's not a hard job, the hardest part is getting the board's input and articles from the membership. Members...this is your newsletter, we need more input. I would consider keeping this job if I had more input from the membership.

WE NEED ARTICLES FROM THE MEMBERSHIP!!!

Any funny stories about finding one of your art bars/rounds? What is your favorite bar/round that you have in your collection. What changed you from a collector to a dealer? What is your favorite series that you have in your collection? What pieces in your collection are not the shape of a bar or round, and what is your favorite odd-shaped silver piece. These are just a few of the article titles you could write about. How about it? Photos of these items are also much appreciated. It helps the reader to understand what you are writing about. I know all of you are not English teachers and have trouble with your writing abilities, but I have a retired teacher, Doug Jennings, who proofreads every issue of the Bugle for me and makes any grammatical changes that need to be changed or added. He also catches most of my typing errors. If you do decide to send something to me for the Bugle, please send it via email, so that I can cut and paste it instead of having to retype the entire article. Thanks everyone, I hope to hear from some of you soon.

Carrie

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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The International Association of Silver Art Collectors (IASAC), established in 1985, is dedicated to the silver art bar and round hobbyist, collector, dealer and producer. All persons interested in this unique hobby are invited to join. The club regularly publishes the newsletter *The Silver Bugle*, providing some of the most interesting reading for you, the member. Not only do you receive advanced notice of new rounds and bars, you may also take advantage of specials offered by the many IASAC member-dealers. We also produce limited edition silver bars and rounds for our members and feature special contests for prizes. Isn't it time for you to take advantage of the benefits available as a member of IASAC?

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NAME: _____

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TELEPHONE: _____ OCCUPATION: _____

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SIGNATURE: _____

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IASAC has some older club rounds and bars still for sale!

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Notes From Members

From Clarence Criswell to "Jim & Carrie, Many thanks for all you two do for the club to keep it going! Best wishes for a Wonderful and Blessed Chistmas and a Happy and Great New Year to all."

To Carrie & members - "Enclosed are my 2018 renewal and an extra \$10--Hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and Happy & Healthy New Year."---Anthony Artone.

"We've had a rough year with my 92 year old mother. We were able to add some new silver to our collection. A lot of new mints producing bars. It's hard to keep up with them. I still enjoy the thrill of the hunt going to coin shows and local coin shops. It's hit and miss, though. Let's hope for a good year for us all---Sandi and Dave Belcher.

Several members sent Holiday Greetings to Jim and me. We want to wish everyone a **healthy** and **wealthy** new year. Have fun finding those bars and rounds made of silver---Carrie & Jim

DUES WERE DUE JANUARY 1, 2018

IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR DUES,
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Dues Annual Rate: \$15/Domestic, \$20/International

1/2 (\$) Junior aged 17 and under

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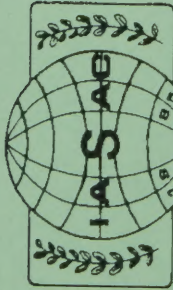
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